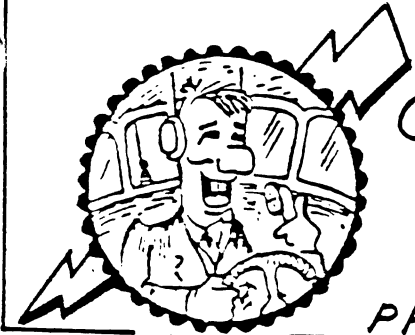


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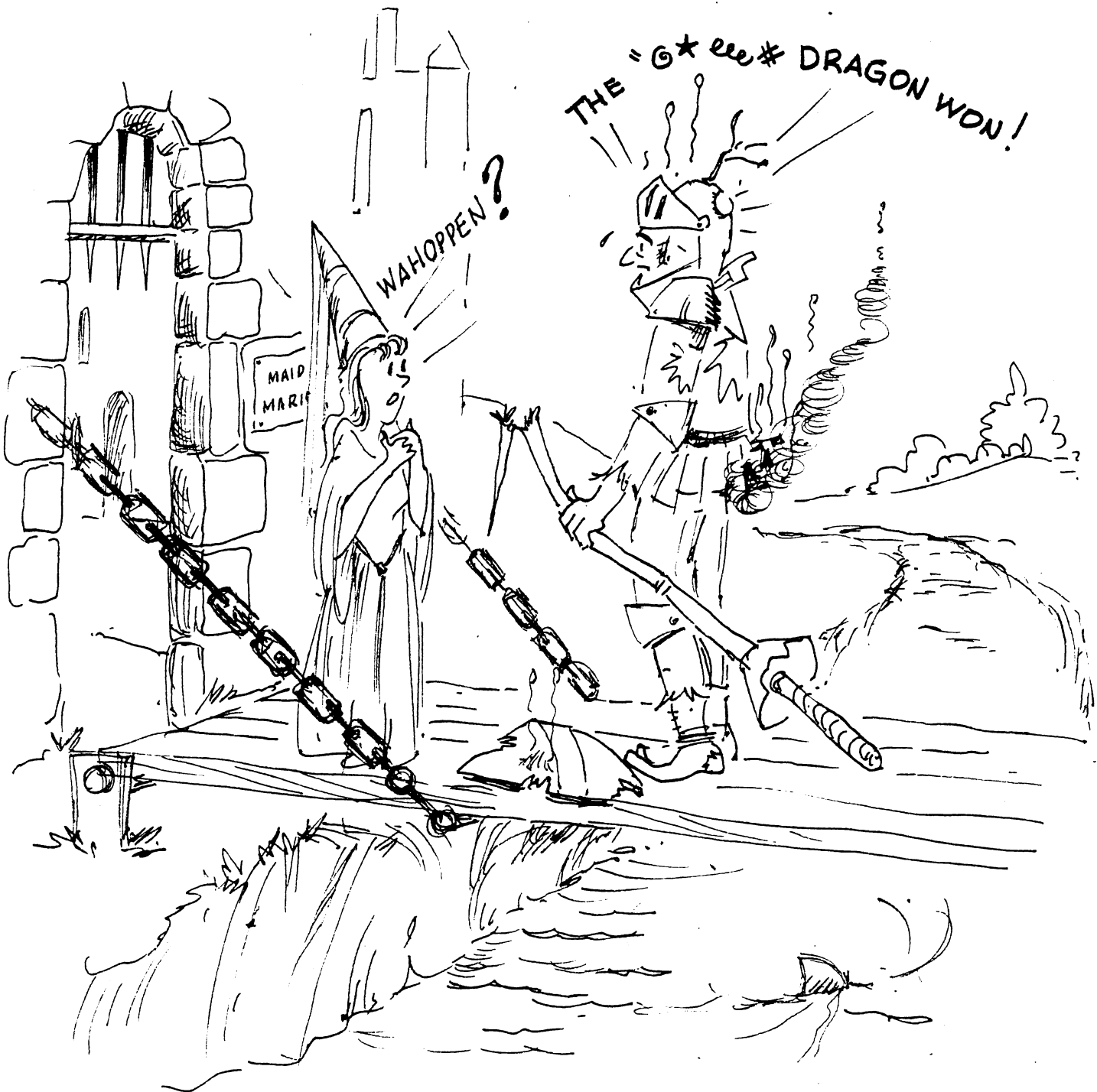


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PHILMONT CLUB NETS

Net Control Chairman: Howard Trout, W3IGW

Nets are conducted weekly as listed below. All amateurs are invited to check-in, members or non-members alike, with or without traffic. The nets are informal with net control stations serving on a rotating basis.

All Nets Sunday 10 meters (29.493 MHz) 1000 hrs; 75 meters (3993 kHz) SSB 1020 hrs;
 80 meters CW (3610 kHz) 1030 hrs;
 2 meters FM (147.63/03 via W3QV/R) 0930 hrs.

IT SEEMS TO ME

Recently I worked on a clock made in 1832 by Eli Terry, Jr. In today's market the clock has a value of about \$6500, but when it was originally sold the cost was about \$16. The fact that the clock increased in value by such a tremendous amount can be attributed to many things, but the fact that a mechanical device continues to do its job over a period of 150 years without replacement of the original parts can be attributed only to the craftsmanship of the maker.

Equating this philosophy to amateur radio, one wonders if anyone will care, even 10 years from now, that we earned DXCC, or had a wall full of exotic QSL's. Such things are fleeting, albeit satisfying at the time.

Philmont has just lost a member, one of several, who had the QSL's, the equipment, the status in life, but whose real contribution to our hobby was his interest in helping others, in making our club better, and in giving of himself. He had no bragadoccio, he respected the rights of his fellow hams, and he knew that a free-running mouth was no part of the necessary equipment for a ham.

To the W3KN's, QV's, EXY's, and many others who were 'amateurs' by designation only, we say thanks, and may we who remain pass on at least a little of what you taught us.

de K3KUD

Sam's CORNER

RUMOR HAS IT, THAT THIS YEAR'S JUNE PADDLEARAMA HAS REVEALED A NEW GASTRONOMICAL CHAMPION.. IT LOOKS LIKE JIM BOCK K₃PHC HAS AT LONG LAST LOST HIS CROWN!

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For those of you who have waited a whole month to see what the Prez had to say we can only say, "Sorry about that." The Prez got tied up in such mundane things as working for a living and activities of a like nature which caused him to miss the deadline.

EGAD MABEL, THEY ARE EVERYWHERE!

One day recently, while monitoring the repeater, I heard a call from WB3KAB who said that he had an emergency. There was a woman collapsed in the street in front of the Oxford Mall. Bob asked if there was anyone on frequency who had access to a telephone. The immediate response was from W3BBB mobile who asked for the details and said that he had a phone available. KAB asked Jim to call Foulkeways Home who knew the woman and was familiar with the situation. In a very short time W3BBB was back with the information that Foulkeways had been contacted and would handle the problem. In less than 10 minutes WB3KAB was back on the air with the information that the ambulance had just arrived and everything was under control.

To me this is what amateur radio, and Philmont, is all about--service! To Jim Spencer, another "Gold Star" for one of many good deeds, and to KAB a well done for knowing that he could help and not being afraid to get involved.

Tnx to Sam, K3RTR

We have had many expressions of sorrow and sympathy at the passing of George Weed, W3KN. While we do not intend to publish them, or list those who have made note of this sad event, we say a sincere "Thank you", from Philmont. Amateur radio has lost a stalwart member.

Have you ever read the ads in Ham Magazines and wondered what was meant by "New", "Distinctive", or "Futuristic"? Read on.....

NEW: Different color from previous design.
ALL NEW: Parts are not interchangeable with previous model.
EXCLUSIVE: Imported product.
UNMATCHED: Almost as good as the competition.
DESIGN SIMPLICITY: Manufacturer's cost cut to the bone.
FOOLPROOF ADJUSTMENT: No provision for adjustment
ADVANCED DESIGN: Ad writer doesn't understand it.
IT'S HERE AT LAST: Rush job, nobody knew it was coming.
FIELD TESTED: Manufacturer lacks test equipment.
HIGH ACCURACY: Unit on which all parts fit.
DIRECT SALES ONLY: Manufacturer had argument with distributor.
RUGGED: Too heavy to lift.
LIGHTWEIGHT: Lighter than rugged.
YEARS OF DEVELOPMENT: Finally got one that worked.
BREAKTHROUGH: We finally figured out a way to sell it.
FUTURISTIC: Can't figure another reason why it looks like it does.
ENERGY SAVING: Achieved when the power switch is off.
DISTINCTIVE: A different color or shape from the competition.
PERFORMANCE PROVEN: Will operate through the warranty period.

Tnx to Electronic Engineering Times via
the LERC Bulletin.

PHILMONT CALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

Oct. 6 General Meeting, Franklin Institute; 8:00 PM

Oct. 13 Columbus Day

Oct. 15 Director's Meeting, W3ZPP; 8:00 PM

Oct. 27 BLURB folding, W3BBB; 7:15 PM

Oct. 31 Halloween

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MEETING REPORTS

August Director's Meeting: Held at W3GQD with 15 members in attendance, the meeting covered a large agenda. Items of business included:

1. The appointment of a new Trustee for W3RQZ.
2. A report from W3TKQ via Rollie, W3PWG on the condition of the equipment at the station. Based on the report, action will be taken to replace the Collins gear. W3BBB investigating means to accomplish this replacement.
3. W3BBB reported that the CommBus and the air-conditioning unit removed from it have both been sold. Checks were turned over to the Treasurer. The generator has also apparently been sold, but final details have not been worked out as yet.
4. K3GBA to investigate the acquisition of an Addressograph plate maker.
5. Purchase of a new electric typewriter for the BLURB was authorized. The present IBM and its stand will be sold.
6. MOCOM V will be at the Wrightstown, PA school fair in September as requested by W3PXY. MOCOM V will also be communications center for the Philadelphia Distance Run on September 21.
7. Tom Gadsby, W3WAW, and Rich, W3HSF, were unanimously elected to membership in Philmont.

At the conclusion of the meeting our hostess provided delicious low-calorie (?) refreshments. Our thanks to Bill and Jackie for inviting us to their home.

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September General Meeting: Designated Family Night, the meeting was just that, with 59 members and 53 visitors present. Many of our visitors were wives and children of our members and we enjoyed having them with us.

Business was held to a minimum in order that our main program could run full time without being hurried. The program itself was a Planetarium show hosted by Paul Twomey, WB3BOD. Always fascinating, the show was made even more so by Paul's wit and his slanting the presentation slightly in the direction of amateur radio. The cooperation and effort of Paul and the Institute personnel were much appreciated. Refreshments were provided for everyone at the conclusion of the program.

NEW MEMBER APPLICATION

Name: Andrew S. Pettineo, WA3HUB Handle: Andy
Address: 724 Wisteria Road
 Newtown Square, PA 19073
Wife: Ida No call)
Occupation: Retired
Phone: (H) 353-4241

Sponsored by: WA3UZD; K2LK

Action on the above application will be taken at the October Director's Meeting.

CLAMBAKE

While we were unable to get the official information on this event due to the absence of both AK2I and W3IGW from the last meeting, all reports indicate that once again a good time was had by all. There were 92 people in attendance, with 35 from the Reading Radio Club. In the sports department, Philmont emerged a 10-5 winner over Reading in the event which is loosely billed as a softball game.

The FCC has proposed discontinuing the issuance of new and renewed First Class Radio-telephone Operator licenses and eliminating examinations for radio and TV broadcast station technicians.

The Commission is proposing to modify the rules to allow individuals performing any technical duties at broadcast stations to hold any class of commercial license, including Restricted Radiotelephone Operator's Permit and to make station licensees fully responsible for the technical competence of their employees.

Docket 20817 applies. Comments are due by November 14 and replies by December 15.

Tnx to Gary, WA3YVB

As noted in the Meeting Reports, a new typewriter is being procured for use by the BLURB. As a result of this we will have a new typeface in future issues, and we are hoping that the new one will be a good speller, with no typos stuck in the mechanisms; unfortunately, the same old operator will remain.

The IBM Electric which we have been using for quite a while will be offered for sale as will the single leaf typewriter table on which it rests. Anyone interested in the acquisition of this fine piece of merchandise should contact Ye Olde Ed, or W3BBB.

It is a sad thing to see a professional technical writer running amok, as witness these gems from Paul, W3VVS:

"In numbers there is quantity"

"A bird in hand makes it difficult to blow your nose"

"It is far better to sit idle than just do nothing at all"

TID-BITS

The Editor of ARNS Bulletin, "Andy" Anderson, WØNL, recently had some nice things to say about Philmont, the BLURB, and Our Intrepid Artist in particular, in his column in the Bulletin. Our thanks for "dem nice woids".

Our congratulations and best wishes for success to Angie Stinger, Editor of the Navy Mars Kilowatt, who just been appointed Assistant to the Chief, Public Affairs. Angie will now have many important collateral duties, and Kilowatt will become a world-wide publication.

In the interest of our continuing educational program (?) we present the following election year terms, lifted from "Lockheed Life" via LERC Bulletin:

- BALLOT - Derived from the Italian word Ballota, meaning a little ball. Romans used black and white balls to vote. Black signified opposition and white indicated support of the candidate.
- CAMPAIGN - Derived from the Latin word CAMPUS, meaning field of battle.
- CANDIDATE - To impress the voters, Roman politicians each became a Candidatus, meaning a person dressed in white.
- CONVENTION - From the Latin words CON (together) and VENIRE (to come); in other words, to come together.
- DEMOCRAT - From the Greek DEMOS (people) and KRATIA (rule); forming rule of the people.
- ELECT - From the Latin words E (out) and LECTUS (picked); someone who is picked out.
- POLL - A middle English word meaning head. Heads were counted to determine whether or not the head count matched the number of votes cast.
- REPRESENTATIVE- Derived from the Latin REALIS (relating to things in law) and PRAESENTAIRE (to present); thus, one who presents things relating to law.
- REPUBLICAN - From the Latin RES (thing or affair) and PUBLICA (public); thus, public affair.
- SENATOR - From the Latin SENEX, meaning old man.
- VOTE - From the Latin VOTUM, meaning vow or wish.

Armed with all the above information, it now only remains to pick and vote for a good candidate. Rots of Ruck!

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SWAP AND SHOP

For Sale:

From the Estate of George Kindt, former Philmont Associate Member;
Brand new Heath Color TV, GR2000. Purchased in 1974 for \$999.00.
Was finished in 1977; final adjustments were never made but picture
and sound O.K.; with all manuals. A bargain for some enterprising ham.
Make offer.

From the Estate of William Murphy, K3BJG:
Swan 500C and P/S

\$400.00

MFJ CW Filter CWF-2

5.00

Drake T4XB and P/S

350.00

Hammarlund HQ180. All bands; like new.

200.00

Items 2, 3, and 4 guaranteed by W3ADV

Contact Fred Shaw, W3ADV

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For Sale:

National NCX-5, Mk II

\$ 275.00

National P/S for MCX-2

25.00

National Xtal Calibrator

15.00

E/V PTT Microphone, Model 600

8.00

Heath H-D Phone Patch

10.00

Heath H-O Monitor Scope

25.00

Station control panel incl. Micromatch 262,
SWR Bridge, and B&W Coax Switch

20.00

Astatic T-3 PTT microphone w/#6 base

15.00

E/V PTT Microphone, Model 664

20.00

Heath CD-1112 Hands-Free telephone

35.00

Rohn FK-2548 tower, Ham-M rotator, Mosely
Classic 33 beam

550.00

Contact Jim Spencer, W3BBB
(215) 884-8469

NET CONTROL SCHEDULE

<u>OCTOBER</u>	(W3AWH) <u>80-meters</u>	(W3GIF) <u>10-meters</u>	(W3SRU) <u>2-meters</u>
5	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3IGW
12	W3AOA	W3GIF	WB3CMM
19	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3SRU
26	AK2I	W3KDO	K3PHC

NOVEMBER

2	W3PWG	KB3CT	W3WXC
9	W3AOA	W3GIF	W3AWG
16	W3SGR	WB3KUR	W3PST
23	AK2I	W3KDO	W3ZPP
30	W3AWH	WB3CMM	W3BBB

75-meter SSB Net: 3993 KHz, 10:20-10:35 AM Net control as shown
80-meter CW Net: 3610 KHz, 10:30- AM NCS N3WW; Alternates W3RM; AK2I
10-meter AM Net: 29.493 MHz, 10:00-10:15 AM NCS K3GBA; Alternate K3HIE
10-meter SSB Net: 29.493 MHz, 10:15-10:30 AM Net control as shown
2-meter FM Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R), 9:30-10:15 AM NCS as shown
2-meter Code
Practice Net: 147.63/03 (W3QV/R), Tuesdays 8:00-9:00 PM NCS AK2I; alternate W3ETM

Club Calling Period: Every evening 7:00-7:05 PM 147.63/03 (W3QV/R)

Club 2-meter Simplex Frequency: 147.51 MHz

All Philmont nets are open to all amateurs, members or non-members, for check-in, passing traffic, or making announcements of interest to the Club, or amateur radio in general.

You wouldn't use an ocean liner to go fishing, don't use the repeater when simplex will do the job.

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